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SUBJECT: Guidance for Military Health System Video Teleconference Standards

This memorandum supercedes Military Health System (MHS) Video Teleconference Standards Guidance for fixed facilities dated December 22, 2003. This guidance was developed by the Tri-Service Technical Integration Working Group and coordinated and approved by the MHS Information Management Program Review Board. Implementing a standards profile for VTC equipment used in MHS fixed facilities will achieve economies of scale, increase interoperability, reduce complexity, and simplify the management of Video Teleconferencing. Attachment shows the VTC standards profile for fixed facilities within the MHS, allowing effective communication with VTC as a medium. These standards comply with the DoD IT Standards Registry (DISR) and industry best practices. Use of standards not in the DISR should follow the waiver submission or "request for exemption" process per DoDI 4630.8 of June 30, 2004. The guidance in this memorandum will be updated in the future to reflect advances in technology, product availability and market support. Should you require additional information, please contact the Office of Technology Management, Integration and Standards at (703) 681-6779 or tmisweb@tma.osd.mil.


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Attachment:
As stated

Military Health System Video Teleconference Baseline Standards

Type	IEEE Standard
Video, Communications and Control	H.323, H.323 v2, H.225, H.245, H.261, H.264 ----- If ISDN capability is required, an exemption request to use H.320 must be submitted, per DoDI 4630.8.
Audio	G.711, G.722, and G.728
Data	T.120, T.122, T.124, and T.125

Attachment